

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arizona National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arizona National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2480

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/05/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/05/2018

7. Expected Term Date

03/24/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P. L. 90-543 and P. L. 105-333

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

National Trails System Act (Act) as amended through (Pub. L. 111-11) (16 U.S.C.1241)

13. Effective Date

10/02/1968

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$17,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.15

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Arizona National Scenic Trail (Arizona Trail) is a long-distance non-motorized trail stretching over 800 miles through some of the most scenic and remote parts of Arizona, showcasing the state's diverse vegetation, wildlife, geology, history and prehistory. This statutory committee provides the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, with valuable information on matters relating to the Arizona Trail, including but not limited to the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan, selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the Trail, and interpretation and administration of the Trail, in compliance with the Act.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

In accordance to the Section 5(d) of the National Trails System Act (the Act), membership shall be appointed by the Secretary to include (1) a member appointed to represent each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes and each appointee shall be the person designated by the head of such department or agency; (2) a member appointed to represent each State through which the trail passes and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and (3) one or more members appointed to represent private organizations that, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations. Steps will be taken to encourage fresh points of view, such as establishing staggered membership terms and limiting the number of renewed memberships. The Council will consist of not more than 35 members who provide balanced and broad representation within each of the following of the interests: To meet the requirements of (3), and also include representation by other jurisdictions believed to be necessary for a well-balanced Council, members will be selected from the following categories: 1. The Regional Forester of the Southwestern Region or a designee; 2. The State Director of the Arizona State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or a designee; 3. One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council will meet at least once annually, or as often as is necessary to complete its business.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The recommendation to continue the committee is made because this is a statutory committee. There are longstanding partnerships, however, that have supported the Arizona National Scenic Trail throughout its development and it would be possible to accomplish the work of the committee through these existing partnerships if the statutory requirements were waived. Due to the statutory requirements, however, at this time the recommendation is to renew outreach for members and to submit a slate of candidates with a charter renewal package, provided there is sufficient interest on the part of the agencies and partners in continuing the effort to seat a council.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

No activity/meetings in FY2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Laura White Arizona National Scenic Trail Administrator

Narrative Description

Not Applicable

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

☐

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.